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#### WRANGLER ISLAND

New attention is being directed these days to Wrangler Island, north of Siberia and northwest of Alaska, because of the claim of annexation that has been made for it by Stefansson in behalf of Canada. Wrangler Island was not discovered by him and has not just been explored. It has been known for a great many years that there was land there but the supposition was that it was a continent and under such a belief it was known as Wrangler Island till two American expeditions which went in search of a missing vessel and its crew came upon it and through an exploration of it found that it was an island. At that time, not quite a half century ago, there were papers left in which claim was made to the land in behalf of the United States and the papers that were thus left by one party were found and brought back by the other searchers and have been preserved.

This makes an interesting situation in view of the Stefansson claim as to where the ownership of the island rests. It will of course raise the question as to what constitutes acquisition under such conditions. Ordinarily it might be expected that occupation would be involved but it doesn't appear in any of the instances that the visits of the explorers have been followed by their occupation of the island or by those of the country in whose name the land was claimed. Perhaps there are others who have had similar experiences at Wrangler Island.

Just at the present time it doesn't appear that the island just claimed by Stefansson is of any particular value. None too much is known about it. It occupies a strategic position just west of Bering Strait and about 190 miles from the Siberian coast. It is in a region where fur-bearing animals might reasonably be expected in considerable numbers, and one visitor to the island has reference to such a resource. Perhaps there is nothing on the island to cause concern over its ownership, but there was a time when much the same views were taken in regard to Alaska, that great storehouse of riches which we acquired for a song and which is now referred to as being able to yield billions without trouble.

#### THE NORTH ATLANTIC PATROL

The perils of the north Atlantic in that region where the steamship lanes cross the field of the iceberg are clear. It is disclosed in the reports to the effect that much less is now being encountered together with danger, for which prompted the commander of the coast guard vessel now doing patrol service there to ask for the assistance of another.

Likewise does it show what a valuable service is being rendered by the maintenance of such a patrol, a service which is being performed by this government but in which other nations join in footing the bill.

This is the season of the year when large ice floes and bergs can be anticipated. They constitute a menace to shipping which calls for the exercise of all vigilance on the part of transatlantic and coastwise shipping, but there is a danger then which is a considerable degree overcome by the reports issued by the vessel doing patrol duty and which is in close touch with the position of the danger. Such warning is sufficient to turn vessels from their course if they are headed toward danger or to cause them to increase their watch to avoid undesirable encounters with big icebergs, two thirds of which are under-water.

#### IN THE NEAR EAST

Indications which came from the near east to the effect that Greece is favorably inclined to the proposed armistice in the war with the Turks gives indications that favorable result are going to attend the efforts to bring that conflict to an end. Encouraged by the favorable position gained under Venizelos Greece was desirous of maintaining the hold that it had obtained in Asia Minor, a position that was menaced by the Turks, especially the nationalists, who would not accept the treaty of Sevres. Greece brought forth all its resources in men and money to make a success of its campaign. It progressed favorably at the start only to be repulsed at a critical point and driven back with a severe loss. The serious set back of the first campaign did not discourage the Greeks. They reorganized and made another attempt in hopes of overcoming some of the mistakes of the previous one. After setting to a certain line they were unable to advance and in time retired. That has been the situation since the fighting stopped.

Were conditions in Greece different as regards Constantinople more help might have been obtained from the British, but with France obtaining a diplomatic victory in its separate treaty with the Turkish nationalists and more recently with demands coming from India to the effect that it was believed that the Turks and the Sultan, the head of the Mohammedan religion, were not being

treated right, a new situation appears to have developed.

Along with it at least comes the move for the ending of the war between the Greeks and the Turks over Asia Minor territory. There was the time when Greece was not disposed to listen to any plan for an adjustment of the situation through a peace movement. The two unsuccessful efforts and the possibly British stand in the matter have had their effects, and the indication that Greece is ready to deal with the Turks points to a probable adjustment in that region.

#### TROLLEYS COMING BACK

Indications point in various directions to the effects of improved conditions upon the trolley lines. It is by no means too truly to be supposed that they are out of the woods or that everything is moving along without a hitch under clear skies. Happily the situation is much improved from what it was under the strenuous days of the war period when supplies of all kinds were at their peak, wages were likewise and the fares had to be boosted to make, or endeavor to make, do.

One interesting fact that cannot be overlooked following the shifting into effect of the reduced trolley fares in this state is the announcement from the state treasury to the effect that the Connecticut company has resumed the payment of its taxes and as the result the revenue for the fiscal year will be sufficient to balance the expense. That gives indications that the plan of paying up the arrears is likely to succeed and with more favorable conditions as to travel there will be in due time be furnished a situation in connection with the lines that will justify a further lowering of the fares. How soon that will be will depend upon conditions.

One factor which has contributed largely to an improvement of the situation for the electric lines has been the cutting of operating expenses through the installation of one man cars. Lines in New York which had to be abandoned because the revenue was insufficient to meet expenses are to be operated again, and when they are there will be used the old two-man cars converted into one man cars. This reduction in expense has been the salvation of many lines. It has not only prevented the abandonment of lines but it promises to be the means of reviving some where service was stopped.

Electric trolley operation has by no means gotten back to the position where it was before the war, but through improvements in various directions and more favorable conditions there are hopes that some lines which are still on the fence will yet be revived. Norwich and the territory served by the Norwich & Western line hope to see some revival of that road which has maintained service only on this end of the line during the winter.

#### A DANGEROUS MOVE.

Many are the cases which have been brought to light during the efforts to reduce the activity of criminals in New York city to such that there is a need for legislation that would end the great amount of leniency that has been shown to them in various ways in the past. Such matters have come before the session of the state legislature just ended and it is believed that certain beneficial changes have been made.

But along with the good there are apt to be the detrimental, especially where legislation is pushed through in a great hurry during the final hours of the session, and this is now disclosed through the discovery made by the governor in studying the bills presented to him for his signature. Among the batch of bills there has been encountered one which would permit a person convicted of murder and sent to prison for a period of 10 years being released on parole after serving for twelve months of that time.

While it is regarded as a mistake to think of giving such encouragement as would come through the abolition of capital punishment, it can be appreciated that an even greater harm would be done by permitting others who take life, even though under different circumstances, to have their freedom after serving but a short time. From the great amount of crime it would appear that none too much protection was being afforded the public under the existing circumstances and certainly there would be far less if any such modification was to be made.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

Out in Los Angeles the only jury action which seems to be possible is a disagreement.

From the very name there can be no surprise over the dispute concerning Wrangler Island.

When it comes to the radio the city chap has no advantages over his brother in the country.

It is always a bad time of year to try and convince the landlord that the interior of the house needs paint and paper.

It remains to be seen whether Greece may permit itself to be spurred on to greater endeavors in the way of reparation paying.

The man on the corner says: Perhaps those looking for the prehistoric will encounter some of those fat pug dogs that used to be so common.

It is a bad practice, for children or grandfathers to be fooling with firearms even though the belief is entertained that they are not loaded.

We are brought face-to-face with a coal strike but only after a winter which has been very considerate and which still leaves some bins partially filled.

There is an indicated shortage of about \$200,000,000 in the income tax return but congress can be relied upon to fix that by a few more free seed bills and bonuses.

While Mrs. Asquith complains that American newspapers are too little attention to what she says and too much to who she is, it is also noticed that remarkably few babies are being named Margo.

## WOMAN IN LIFE AND IN THE KITCHEN

### SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

A letter sealed with the white of an egg cannot be steamed open.

When cream is too thin to whip the unbeaten white of an egg can be used and will overcome the trouble.

The bones of roast and bits of left-over meat may be made into delicious soup.

Immediately upon finishing the cooking take all drafts off the kitchen range and save fuel and dough can be kept.

If the candle is too large for the candle stick, dip it into warm water until it is melted to the proper size.

An easy way to frost cake, especially in a hurry, is to put some milk chocolate in a dish and get the dish in hot water to melt, then spread on cake the frosting.

If the outer skin is removed from the lamb chops they will not have the strong taste some people object to.

Wash prunes in warm water, dry, remove pits and set in a warm oven until plump. Then fill the centers with marshmallows.

Wet fur should not be put near heat to dry. It should be put in at least a cool place and if possible in the air.

In preparing a lunch for a journey bake the bread in empty baking powder cake. After slicing and spreading, replace it in the cake pan on a cover.

Before serving boiled mutton, remove the fat from the gravy. The mutton can then be eaten by those with the most delicate digestion.

Plaster can be made non-inflammable if it is dipped in sal-ammoniac or alum that has been dissolved. This must be done after washing and rinsing the plaster.

Bananas baked with orange juice are really delicious. They should be treated quite as they are for ordinary baking except that the orange juice is added.

A metal top on the kitchen table is a great convenience. It is easier to clean than wood and dough can be rolled out on it without the use of the customary wooden board.

### TO KEEP A GAS OVEN CLEAN

Gas oven should be wiped out while still warm with water to which a little soda has been added. This will remove any grease, and when the oven is cold, it can be wiped with a dry cloth.

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Thymol is good for removing certain stains, and like ammonia, should be kept in a tightly corked bottle. Chloride of lime removes obstinate stains which other remedies fail to remove.

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is one made of camel's hair shawl reaching to the hem of the skirt and made without fullness, the collar being a double ruche of the camel's hair.

### TRIMMINGS FOR SPRING FROCKS.

An attractive trimming for sports frocks is a wide border of silk and wool in a full effect with or without fringe. Both red and tan are considered especially good in this handling, and other smart shades are tan, fawn, and such combinations as tan and red, tan and brown, black and white, red and black.

Daintier bandings are the small Bulgarian and Persian effects embroidered in wool and in silk on fine net. These also came heavily braided instead of embroidered. There are also shown narrow trimmings of chalk heads, very smart just now, in combination with coral effects in daisy chain designs but without the net background. Jet squares and connecting links are also used for this flat banding.

Dress ornaments and girdles show an infinite variety, though jet effects are in the majority. A giraffe of jet has been shown, and a small, very smart, smaller beads spaced at intervals to hand down over the front of the frock.

Particularly popular is an elaborate crown effect motif with a cascade of fringe and several horizontal strands draped across it. Three oblong jet cabochons are connected by balls and ending in tiny beads.

An elaborate stomacher effect is made of jet cut out and heavily embroidered with beads. This style of ornament is also shown as jade, orchid, and red, which is a particular favorite.

For sports costumes and frocks where beaded effects would be out of place, there are several forms of cord. In some of these the cord is coiled round and round into medallion shapes and the fringes fall from these, in close similitude to the jet ornaments. Beaded cord is used in jewelry like cabochons on the silk medallions.

### LAUNDRY HINTS.

When boiling clothes place an unpeeled lemon cut in slices in the boiler with the clothes to boil.

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of two egg yolks. Cool. A half cup of whipped cream may be added.

Baked Bananas—Remove the skins from six large firm bananas. Cut bananas in halves lengthwise. Arrange them in a shallow casserole, pan or earthen platter that will stand the heat of the oven and suitable to send to the table. Mix two and one-half tablespoons of melted butter, one teaspoon sugar, and one and one-half to three tablespoons of lemon juice. Pour half the mixture over bananas and bake in the oven twenty minutes basting with remaining half of the butter and sugar mixture. Serve hot with broiled sirloin steak.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Served in War and Not a Slacker

Mr. Editor: On Saturday, March 18th, there was a list of draft orders in The Norwich Bulletin. I was sorry to see the name of Howard Curtis Crosby among the slackers as he enlisted from his mother's home near Boston and served through the entire war. He was gassed with chlorine and mustard gas in the eyes and lungs and was in the hospital several weeks. After he was able to return to service he had his heel torn off by the bursting of a shell. I have several letters from him from France so am sure he was no draft evader.

MRS. C. A. GRAY.

Norwich, R. D., March 24, 1922.

The government has put forth the so called "Hastings" list for the purpose of clearing up any doubt about those who have been at the time of publication to have false records and to bring about any corrections that should be made.

The facts in the above mentioned case should be reported to the war department for the needed correction.

### FAMOUS MEN.

RICHARD WAGNER

Richard Wagner was the most talented of famous old men of music of Germany, and his life to the very end was one of striking activity and vigor in the accomplishment. Born in 1813 Wagner lived to the allotted period of three score years and ten and only the year before his death was his immortal "Parsifal" given its first performance at his beloved Bayreuth.

Wagner began his "Parsifal" in 1875 when he was 62 years of age, and it was not completed until 1882. This was his last work. The libretto was written by Wagner himself and he completed the music at Palermo on the 13th of January, 1882. The first sixteen performances took place at Bayreuth in July and August of that year, and under the composer's own direction, and fully realized all expectations.

Unhappily the exertion of directing so many consecutive performances seems to have been too much for the veteran master's strength, for toward the close of the year his health began to decline rapidly. He spent the autumn at Venice, and was well enough on Christmas eve to conduct his early symphony, composed in 1845, just forty-nine years before his death. His performance given at the Liceo Marcella. But late in the afternoon of the 13th of February, 1883, his friends were shocked by his sudden death from heart failure.

Wagner was composing operas for forty years, his first being a tragic opera entitled "Rienzi". His greatest musical effort was his production of his "Der Ring des Nibelungen", upon which he was at work practically from 1868, when he started the libretto, to 1875, when he had completed the entire score.

Wagner spent the last ten years of his life at Bayreuth. There, through the generosity of his patron, King Ludwig of Bavaria, there was erected for the representation of his music dramas a suitable building, and Wagner laid the first stone of this structure in 1872. The edifice was completed after almost insurmountable difficulties in 1876.

Here also he found a home which he named "Wahnfried" in the garden of which he built his tomb. In this tomb he was buried, and it is said that a few days after the funeral King Ludwig rode to Bayreuth alone, and at death of night, to pay his last tribute to the master of his work and dreams. The last few years of his life, however, Wagner was compelled to spend in a warmer climate than Bavaria, and the beautiful Palazzo Venetian on the Grand Canal in Venice became his regular winter residence. Even there his active spirit knew no rest.

No other composer may be said to have given the world such flawless compositions as Wagner, and the history of music marks his second achievement of a composer whose development shows such extraordinary advance as that of the great master. Nothing attests more convincingly the firm hold of his music on the general public than its constant performance by the largest symphony orchestras throughout the world. In their repertoire the overtures, preludes, and certain excerpts occupy the same position as the symphonies of Beethoven.

As the years pass, the figure of Wagner seems to assume greater and greater proportions. Even now his influence, like that of Shakespeare and Goethe and Beethoven, is felt and recognized as one of the living and moving forces of civilization.

### IN THE PUBLIC EYE

The Most Rev. Sebastian G. Messner, who celebrates today his thirtieth anniversary of the episcopate, has been head of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Milwaukee since 1903. Previously he had been bishop of Green Bay, to which see he was elevated in 1892. The Archbishop is well known throughout the Catholic world for his scholarly attainments and is regarded as one of the foremost authorities in the church on canon law. He was born in German Switzerland in 1847, and came to America when quite young. He returned to Rome for his ecclesiastical studies and after his ordination was a professor for a number of years at St. John's Seminary, South Orange, N. J., when he left that institution to become a professor at the Catholic University of Washington. Later, as rector of St. Peter's Church in New York, he became one of the best known priests in New York. Recently the Archbishop has been visiting in Rome where it is said he is held in high esteem, both for his zeal and his learning.

### Stories That Recall Others

Now He Walks Right By

Jones likes nothing better than to loaf at the corner grocery. Just to sit on the counter and talk and talk while the wife is hard at work and the children are busy in the store is to Jones a privilege well worth while.

But Mrs. Jones and the grocer thought differently. In fact, they thought they should be working. One morning the grocer conceived a brilliant idea. Just as Jones was about to leave the store he called to the counter the grocer's wife and

## Help Make the Soldiers' Bonus Petition the Biggest Ever!

Sign it yourself; get all your friends to sign it.

Show Congress that the grateful citizens of the United States are determined to grant justice to the men who won the war.

England, France, Italy, Canada and Australia have paid liberal Soldiers' Bonuses. Our own payment is long overdue, not as a debt—for our debt to our soldiers can